(c) when and where the next round of talks between India and the US is scheduled to be held and what is the agenda for the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The deployment or movement of Indian defence assets is an exclusive and sovereign right of the Government into which no outside interference is allowed.

(c) Both India and the US have agreed to meet again for the next round of discussions in the second half of January 1999 in New Delhi. The talks would be conducted on the basis of the comprehensive proposals that India has put forward on disarmament and non-proliferation matters, our unilateral moratorium on explosive nuclear tests, willingness to discuss converting this moratorium into a de jure obligation, our offer to enter into constructive negotiations on the FMCT and reaffirming our policies on stringent control on export of sensitive technologies.

Details of proposal of the disposal of Shakti Nagar Colony quarters, Agra

2654. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 345 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd December, 1998 and state the details of the proposal of Director-General Defence Estates for disposal of Shakti Nagar Colony quarters, Agra?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): Yes, Sir. A total of 108 houses constructed under the Low Income Group Housing Scheme by the Agra Cantonment Board partly from Cantonment Funds and partly

from Loans meant for the use of its employees, were proposed for transfer on ownership rights to the present occupants.

Anomalies in pay-scales of Sr. auditors working in Defence Accounts Department

2655. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the matter relating to the pay scales of Senior Auditors working in Defence Accounts Department was referred to the Fast-Track Committee for removal of anomalies; and

(b) if so, the action proposed by the Committee for removal of the said anomalies?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Sir.

The Committee did not find -ation for accepting the demand.

पाकिस्तान द्वारा अत्याधुनिक मिसाइल (प्रेक्षप्रास्त्र) बनाया जाना

2656. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान ने इस महाद्वीप में सबसे आधुनिक प्रेक्षपास्त्र तैयार किया है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार भारतीय प्रक्षेपास्त्र कार्यक्रम के तहत वैसा ही कोई प्रक्षेपास्त्र तैयान करने जा रही है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डीज) :(क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) एकीकृत प्रेक्षपास्त्र विकास कार्यक्रम के तहत विकसित प्रेक्षपास्त्रों में अत्यंत उन्नत प्रोद्योगिकियो का प्रयोग किया जाता है तथा ये मिशन की अपेक्षाओं के अनुरूप सेवा प्रदान करती है।

राजस्थान में सैन्य अभ्यास

2657. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय सेना द्वारा पश्चिम राजस्थान में एक बड़ा सैन्य अभ्यास किया गया है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस अभियान/अभ्यास से रक्षा सेनाएं अपने घोषित लक्ष्यों को पूरा कर पाई हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जॉर्ज फर्नान्डीज) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां।